

Muscoy MAC Meeting Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2007

Council Members Present:

Larry Claunch, Gloria Dickey, Anna Duarte, Wallace Herbert, Vanney Mayberry, Kay Sanders, Jerry Smith

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Anna Duarte at 7:07 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Council Member Larry Claunch moved to approve the Minutes of the October meeting, Vanney Mayberry seconded the motion with amendments and all were in favor.

PRESENTATIONS

A. State of the District address by Assemblymember Wilmer Amina Carter, 62nd Assembly District

Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter gave an update on 2 bills she has worked on that have now become law. Governor Schwarzenegger has signed two of her bills into law: AB 428 (Carter) and AB 1229 (Carter). AB 428 requires high schools to notify parents and pupils of the A-G curriculum required for admission to the UC and CSU systems. AB 1229 gives rank and file officers a seat at the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission.

Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter is currently working on a bill to make hearing aids more affordable for working families. She is also working on another bill that will require counties to develop a healthcare plan so that we can effectively focus on public health resources that are available within each county; she is currently working with county officials making sure that the plan is developed.

Assembly Member Carter stated that they had just met with the Inland Empire Caucus to address the transportation problem in the Inland Empire and informed residents that the Caucus has agreed to work together with the local residents to help with the transportation issues.

Assembly Member Carter announced the "Ought to be a law" contest. Residents have the opportunity to suggest what they think should be a law. The winner of the contest will accompany Assembly Member Carter to Sacramento and help work on the Bill.

Assembly Member Carter answered questions from the public.

REPORTS

A. Public Safety Reports

1. Sheriff's Department – Kathy Gray

Total calls for service: 731; Total report calls: 115; 1-Malicious vandalisms, 7 – Stolen Vehicles, 8 – Recovered stolen vehicles, 12– property crimes/commercial, residential and vehicle burglary, illegal entry dwelling, land trespass, identity theft, graffiti, grand and petty thefts, 6- Misc. Reports, 9 – crimes against person/s/attempted murder/assault with weapon, assault on officer, assault with injury and concealed weapon, 24 misc. reports/missing and returned persons, runaway juvenile, death inv, CPS follow-up and psychological evaluations. 17- Arrests/including cruelty to child, sex crime child, spouse abuse, domestic battery, assault with weapon, assault on officer, assault with injury, parole violation, land trespass, possession of stolen property, driving without a license, drunk in public, possession of and under the influence of Drugs, and 20 warrant arrests.

2. County Code Enforcement –Ignacio Nunez for Joanna Cavazos

Sweeps took place within the last weeks to help with the illegal food vendors; other sweeps will take place in the next few weeks. Weed abatement contractor will be out in the area citing people with fire hazards. There are currently 170 open Muscoy cases.

Code Enforcement is responsible for enforcing the county's health and development codes. If residents have questions or complaints they may contact County Code Enforcement at (909) 387-4044.

3. 5th District Field Representative – Chris Mardis for Frances Vasquez:

Supervisor Gonzales sends greetings to the Muscoy community and wishes everyone a healthy and blessed Thanksgiving. For those less fortunate, she allocated funds to provide turkeys to Vermont Elementary School in Muscoy, among other faith-based and non-profit organizations throughout the 5th District.

Lowe's Grand Grant – On recommendation by Supervisor Gonzales, Lowe's awarded a \$1,000.00 grant to Vermont Elementary School in Muscoy on Nov. 15 during the grand opening ceremonies of the new Lowe's store on Hallmark Parkway in San Bernardino. The school was very grateful for the grant and plans to use it to purchase materials for their after-school programs.

Muscoy Fair –Upon recommendation from County Health officials, the Muscoy Community Health and Resources Fair was cancelled due to poor and unhealthy air quality caused by the wildfires in the San Bernardino Mountains. The Supervisor and staff are very appreciative of the excellent efforts made by Code Enforcement officers Joanna Cavazos and Julie Hernandez in leading the planning committee for what was expected to be an awesome event. To be sure, County, City, State and other officials did a commendable job of responding to the fire emergency and the needs of the evacuees.

Street Lights - Ray R. Gonzalez, Region Manager, Public Affairs, Edison, reported that as a result of the wild fires, they had to marshal all of their crews to rebuild the electrical system in the mountains. This threw them off schedule a bit, and their goal is to complete the project prior to December 14.

Approximately 32 lights were set by November 14: Off Macy & Blake, Porter, Mesa, Mallory, and Darby. Edison has a crew dedicated to work on Nov. 15 and 16, and two crews on Nov. 19, 20 and 21.

Public Works Projects - County DPW wants to make the community aware of an upcoming road closure due to the ongoing SANBAG project at University and Cajon in the Muscoy area. State St. will be closed between Kern St. and Short St. Nov 26 thru Dec 1 to allow contractor (Skanska USA) to install a sewer main.

SANBAG Traffic Advisory - For questions related to construction activities relating to this project, please call Annette Franco at (909) 875-6029 x216. To be informed of future traffic advisories by email, contact her at afranco@sanbag.ca.gov.

Vermont Street Sidewalk Project – County DPW has an Agenda item on the November 20 Board of Supervisors meeting to present the environmental report and seek approval to advertise the bid. The bid process usually takes 30 days. They estimate bid opening on December 27. On January 29, they plan to seek approval from the Board to award the contract. They estimate construction to begin February 2008.

Muscoy cross-gutters - The following are the street locations of the new cross-gutters to be installed in Muscoy. The project is in design and construction should occur in spring 2008. The locations are: Blake at Vermont; Bronson at First; Duffy at Third; Nolan at California; and Vermont at Portola.

WE TIP - San Bernardino County rolled out a comprehensive program to curb illegal dumping in unincorporated communities, including Muscoy. Residents who witness illegal dumping in unincorporated communities will be rewarded up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the identification and/or arrest and conviction of an illegal dumper. Citizens may provide information immediately by calling We Tip at: (800) 78-CRIME or by submitting information online at www.wetip.com.

Fifth District Graffiti Hotline: Residents may call toll-free for **1-877-44-ABATE** for graffiti abatement services. The contract covers all and only properties located within the County 5th District unincorporated areas. The contract will allow the vendor to abate graffiti located on private property with written consent from the property owner. The current response time for graffiti complaints is 48 hours.

Community Calendar - Supervisor Gonzales has a community calendar link on her County website: www.sbcounty.gov/bosd5/. She welcomes Fifth District non-profit organizations to submit information on public events for posting on this site.

County E-mail updates on news and events - Anyone with an e-mail address can automatically receive timely updates on San Bernardino County news, events, and services completely free of charge through the county website at www.sbcounty.gov.

4. California Highway Patrol – Officer Ramos
Officer Ramos was unable to attend.

To report a traffic complaint to the CHP residents may call the CHP front desk officer at (909) 383-4247.

OLD BUSINESS

Action Items

None

Non-Action Items

- a. CERT Report - Councilmember Claunch informed the residents that the meeting will start at the beginning of next year. The training will take place at the Fire Station. Mr. Claunch plans to have more information at the next MAC meeting.
- b. Group Home Sub-Committee Report – Councilmembers: Wallace Herbert, Larry Claunch, and Kay Sanders volunteered to be part of the committee. Wallace Herbert informed residents that they have met twice so far to discuss the group home issues. Research indicated that the sober living homes are not monitored as much, and this is where they will start focusing first. They will look more into the regulations, and will look at different cities and what they are doing to help with this issue. Mr. Herbert encouraged residents to work together to help protect the community, he suggested keeping an eye out for things out of the ordinary and reporting them to the correct entity.

NEW BUSINESS

Action Items

- a. Certificate of Appreciation- Anna Duarte
At the beginning of the year Anna would like to give certificates of appreciation to Muscoy residents or speakers who have contributed to the community. Council Member Dickey moved to approve the motion, Council Member Claunch seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- b. Community Development Block Grant Program Application- Anna Duarte
None available-If anyone is interested in obtaining an application please call Anna at: (909) 9991-9426, or you can call Supervisor Gonzales' office at: (909) 387-4565.
- c. Items for Future Meetings- Anna Duarte
Muscoy resident would like to invite James Canaday from Regional Parks to speak about possibly having walking/riding/running trails in Muscoy.
Muscoy resident would like to invite someone from Animal Control to speak about county regulations.

Non-Action Items

None

MAC MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Member Larry Claunch

Group Home parolee numbers per house have reduced.

Council Member Vanney Mayberry

No Report

Council Member Gloria Dickey

ARMC has asked her to be on the Foundation Board of the hospital. On December 3, 2007 a tree lighting ceremony will take place. Muscoy residents are invited to attend the event.

Council Member Kay Sanders

No Report

Council Member Jerry Smith

No Report

Public Comments:

Mr. Marquez, President of the Blake Little League: Thanked Larry Claunch helping get volunteers from the Job Corp to help out in different projects at the baseball field. He encouraged residents to purchase items from the snack bar that will help cover some of the costs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2008, at 7:00 pm at Muscoy Fire Station # 75, 2852 Macy Street.

Submitted by: Laura Villalobos – Muscoy MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565.